

HOW DOES TRANSPORTATION AFFECT HOMELESSNESS?

How does Transportation affect your being homeless?

- 25 % responded it has a negative effect because it is harder to go on job interviews and harder to look for employment.

Have you ever been hurt walking to meal sites?

- 31 % of the participants have been injured walking. Injuries range from a broken knee to broken fingers or toes to head trauma from a fall. One individual reported he had been jumped and another individual reported he had been struck by a car while walking.

How do you travel when you job hunt?

- 43 % walk.
- 62 % of the participants stated they feel they are unable to locate employment due to a lack of transportation.
- 66% of the participants feel they could be hired for a job but would not be able to keep it because they have no transportation to and from work. Roofers or people in trades would need to get to job sites located all over the state.

Recommendations:

The following are recommendations made by the people who utilize Crossroads RI.

- ❖ If an individual has employment, phone calls to confirm they are employed or a pay stub to confirm their employment should entitle them to a month's bus pass. If they cannot prove employment then don't give them transportation.
- ❖ Individuals pending SSI/SSDI should be able to obtain a bus pass with a letter from their physician stating they are unable to walk.

